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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

Claims As Amended

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of 11/29/2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

For each of the following paragraphs, substitute the presented paragraph for the corresponding pending paragraph, as indicated.

Paragraph beginning at page 37, line 17:

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The second layer region 50 can provide a bottom layer, and can typically extend over the entire area of the overall absorbent core 30. The second layer region 50 is typically designed to provide the bulk of the distribution or wicking ability of the absorbent core, and therefore will typically extend beyond and past the terminal edges of the area covered by the first layer region 48. The second layer region typically can have a basis weight of not less than about 300 gsm, and desirably can have a basis weight of not less than about 350 gsm. In further aspects, the second layer region typically can have a basis weight of not more than about 700 gsm, and desirably has a basis weight of not more than about 450 gsm.

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